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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ian MacLachlan, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/243,102

Filed: February 2, 1999

For: SYSTEMIC DELIVERY OF
SERUM STABLE PLASMID LIPID
PARTICLES FOR CANCER THERAPY

Examiner: J. Zara

Art Unit: 1635

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2000. A petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, please delete the paragraph at lines 6-13 and insert therefor, the following paragraph:

-- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Nos. 60/101,429, filed September 22, 1998, 60/086,917, filed May 27, 1998, 60/112,384, filed December 14, 1998, and 60/073,598, filed February 3, 1998, which are incorporated herein by

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